

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 7-43 have been withdrawn from consideration. Please cancel claim 2. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and/or listings of claims in the above-identified application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for providing glutamine supplementation to a human comprising the oral administration of ~~an effective amount~~ at least 0.7 mmoles/ kg/day of N-acetyl L-glutamine, or a nutritionally acceptable salt thereof.
2. (canceled)
3. (original) A method according to claim 1 in which said human is administered at least 1.0 moles/ kg/day of N-acetyl-L-glutamine or a nutritionally acceptable salt.
4. (original) A method according to claim 1 in which said human is administered at least 1.5 mmoles/ kg/day of N-acetyl-L-glutamine or a nutritionally acceptable salt.
5. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said nutritionally acceptable salt is selected from the group consisting of: lithium, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and aluminum, ammonium, tetramethylammonium, tetraethylammonium, methylamine, dimethylamine, trimethylamine, triethylamine, diethylamine, ethylamine, tributylamine, pyridine, N,N-dimethylaniline, N-methylpiperidine, N-methylmorpholine, dicyclohexylamine, procaine, dibenzylamine, N,N-dibenzylphenethylamine, 1-phenamine, N,N'-dibenzylethylenediamine, ethylenediamine, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, piperidine, piperazine, and mixtures thereof.
6. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said human suffers from a condition selected from the group consisting of: gastrointestinal surgery, gastrointestinal resection, small bowel transplant, post surgical trauma, starvation, critical illnesses and injuries, multiple trauma, short bowel syndrome, burns, bone marrow transplant, AIDS, oral mucositis, cancer, Crohn's disease, necrotizing enterocolitis, prematurity

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of the gut, infections of opportunity, gut deterioration associated with particular treatments, restricted oral feeding, and combinations thereof.

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